STUDENT PROGRAM

VISION NETWORK PUBLICATION AWARD
2024 - 2025 Competition

INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Deadline: **August 1st, 2024***

* In the event that these dates fall on a Friday or Saturday, candidates have until Sunday evening to submit their application to VSRN.

Goal

This « *Vision Network Award »* is designed to recognize the excellence of vision sciences research performed by the student members of the Network. The specific objectives of the program are to:

- Promote careers in vision sciences research in Quebec
- Stimulate the participation of trainees in the planning and development of the Network's activities.
- To acknowledge their excellent work among the scientific community in Quebec and Canada

Eligibility

Eligibility requirements specific to this competition include:

- Relevance to the vision, mission and research areas covered by the Network. Applications not corresponding to the Network's mandate will not be reviewed.
- Must have published an article as first author. Manuscripts must have been published within the specified period for the current competition (see **Important Dates** below).
- This award is open to all VHRN student members. You must be a student or trainee at any university, teaching hospital, research center or health-care organization in Quebec under the supervision of a VHRN member. Students at all levels may apply, up until 13 months after the completion of their degree (i.e. last Diploma obtained: undergraduate studies, graduate studies or medical residency Diploma. Post-doctoral fellows who apply must have completed training less than 13 months before the application.)
- Quebec residents and international students conducting research in Quebec are eligible.
- Quebec students doing research abroad are not eligible.
- There is no need to be a FRQS or Network grantee.
- Only one submission per applicant will be accepted.

Award

The prize is **$250** per student per publication (if multiple authors contributed equally to the research, the prize is shared among them). The awarded article and a summary of the recipient's background are published on our website. The number of awards depends on fund availability.

Mandatory Requirement Following Award

Every student recipient of the **«** Vision Network Award **»** commits to submitting their winning article to the provincial "**R**ELÈVE **É**TOILE **J**ACQUES-**G**ENEST" competition by FRQS before **mid-September 2024**. Therefore, students applying for the **«** Vision Network Award **»** are strongly encouraged to carefully review the FRQS competition regulations. *Important:* The **«** *Vision Network Award » will only be awarded to winners upon submission of proof of their registration in the "Relève étoile Jacques-Genest" competition.*

Review Process and Evaluation Criteria

To award a prize, the evaluation committee assesses the excellence of the research and its alignment with VSRN's mandate. Each application will be evaluated and ranked based on merit using the following criteria:

- Student or trainee level and career stage: quality of research relative to the candidate's experience;
- Contribution of the student or trainee: the person's contribution to study design, data acquisition, analysis, and interpretation;
- Publication quality: innovation and contribution to the research field;
- Publication impact: potential impact of the research on the target audience and beyond the specific research area (does the research have the potential to open new research avenues or translate into products, services, policies, educational materials, or practice documents?).

Commitment

Every recipient of a «Vision Network Prize**»** commits to:

- Acknowledging VSRN support on all publications and presentations (oral and poster) resulting from the project for which they received the VSRN Excellence Prize, using one of the following labels, depending on the publication language and subject matter:
    « Le Réseau de recherche en sciences de la vision**»** or «The Vision Health Research Network**»**
- Presenting the results of their research project at the annual meeting of VSRN
- Responding to follow-up requests sent by VSRN after completing their master's or doctoral degree for the purpose of evaluating the VSRN Excellence Awards program.

Important Dates

The VSRN scientific committee meets anually to evaluate the applications received in this competition:

- **VSRN Submission Deadline**:   **August 1st, 2024**
- Article Publication Date: **After August 12, 2023**
- Announcement of Winner(s):   **Around August 31st, 2024**
- Mandatory Submission of Article(s) by Winner(s) to the
  "RELÈVE ÉTOILE JACQUES-GENEST" Provincial Competition by FRQS
  FRQS Competition Deadline (2024-2025):   **Mid-September 2024**

How to Apply

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria (see **Important Dates**) can be submitted at any time during the year, and evaluations take place once a year.

The candidate must complete the **<u>electronic form</u>** available on the "Vision Network Prize" competition homepage and attach the following documents:

1. <u>A single</u> **PDF Document including:**
   a) **Details about the publication** (Section 1)
   b) **Justification** (Section 2)
   c) PDF version of the **publication**
2. <u>Candidate's photograph</u> (**JPEG** or other photo format)

Incomplete and/or non-compliant applications will be rejected.

For additional information, please contact:
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ELECTRONIC FORM
(for information purposes only)

STEP 1 : IDENTIFICATION

*Candidate:	First Name	LAST NAME	Email

Degree: *MSc/MD-MSc/OD-MSc student, PhD/MD-PhD/OD-PhD student, MD student, postdoctoral trainee, resident / fellow*

Type of research: *Fundamental, clinical, translational (preclinical), epidemiology, knowledge transfer, technological transfer*

Study Program

Affiliation   *University, research center, institute, etc*

*Director:	First Name	LAST NAME	Email
Co-Director (if applicable):	First Name	LAST NAME	Email

*Axis: *Vision Neurosciences, Emerging Technologies, Rehabilitation & Social Issues of Visual Disorders, Biology and Pathology of Vision*

*Does this project stem from the use of a VSRN resource?   *No/ Yes*
(Network programs: Common infrastructures, national and international networking, or VSRN student scholarships)

Mandatory fields

STEP 2 : DOCUMENTS - EVALUATION

***TITLE** of the **PROJECT** associated with this application*
- General title of your study project (MSc, PhD, postdoctoral stage, etc.

*Candidate: **LAST NAME, First Name***

*BIOGRAPHY (maximum of 250 words in each language)
- Write a short **biography** describing your current and past training, as well as your research experience in both **French AND English**.

Attach sections 1, 2, and the PDF of your publication* to the form in a single PDF.
Attach a photography of yourself (for publication on the VSRN website if awarded).

*If the PDF document (sections + publication) exceeds 100MB, send your publication by email to reseau.vision@ircm.qc.ca.

> Submit

You will receive an email confirming that you have submitted your application.

Candidate (First Name LAST NAME):_____ **:**

SECTION 1: PUBLICATION DETAILS

Title of the article:

Authors:

Full name of the journal:

Complete article citation (PubMed format):

Publication status:

Final publication date:

Candidate (First Name LAST NAME): _____

SECTION 2: JUSTIFICATION (maximum 500 words per subsection)

a) Explain how your application fits within the **mandate** of VSRN. Provide a summary of your research and its relevance to the VSRN mandate.

b) Describe **your contribution** to the study design and the acquisition, analysis, interpretation of data, and advancement of knowledge.

c) Describe the **impact** of your publication. Explain the relevance and importance of your article in the field of vision health research and beyond that particular field.